

Dear Mr. Scudder, —

Excuse an after thought.

Would it not perhaps be questionable policy for me to appear to attach myself to any particular 'ism' = circle? — would it not indicate, or seem to indicate a certain weakening of independence? Would not the appearance of a signed article by me in the Monist or in the Open Court at once set me down in the judgment of a certain class as affiliated with the ideas and professions of the circles represented by those periodicals? Would not the result of such a judgment tell against any small influence I might later be able to gain as an original thinker, — especially,

in relation to my connection with
the Atlantic, which, I take it,
is above, or supposed to be
above all issues? And would
it not be better on the whole
to keep the Nirvana paper
for book-form only? — I
have, of course, wandered in
my time through a number
of issues; and from 19 to
21 years old I used to con-
-tribute to the old Boston
Investigator (!) But I must
confess now that I have a
horror of seeming to belong
to any fixed form of opinions;
and feel that my own change
inevitably from year to year.
They must, must they not? — to
have any value even as a true
reflection of personality —
Ever faithfully
Leland A. Beach Oct 14th '76